

SUPPORT FOR THE AMENDMENTS

Claims 1-49, 52, 65, and 67-86 were previously canceled.

Claim 50 is amended herein.

Support for the amendment of Claim 50 is provided by the corresponding claims as previously presented, as well as the original claims and specification as filed.

No new matter has been added by the present amendments.

REMARKS

Claims 50, 51, 53-64, 66, and 87-96 are pending in the present application.

In the Office Action the Examiner indicates that Claim 66 is withdrawn; however, this indication is in error. Specifically, in the Restriction Requirement mailed November 5, 2010, Claim 66 was included in Group II. In the response filed on December 2, 2010, Applicants elected Group II, which included Claim 66. Thus, Claim 66 is drawn to the elected invention and is not designated herein as having been withdrawn. Acknowledgement to this effect is requested.

Applicants acknowledge the Examiner's indication that Claims 53, 55, 59, 60, 63, and 64 are free from the art of record and are allowable. Reconsideration of the outstanding rejections is requested in view of the amendments and remarks herein.

The rejection of Claims 50, 54, 61, and 62 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) over RN 324526-61-6 is obviated by amendment.

The Examiner cites RN 324526-61-6 as allegedly being on sale prior to the present invention. Applicants have amended the claims to specifically exclude this compound by amending the definition of group A in claim 50 to remove "(e) aryl". Thus, RN 324526-61-6 does not disclose a compound within the scope of the claims as amended herein.

Withdrawal of this ground of rejection is requested.

With respect to the non-elected method claims, Applicants remind the Examiner of MPEP §821.04 and the eligibility of rejoinder. Upon a finding of allowability of the elected

product claims, Applicants respectfully request rejoinder of the withdrawn process claims that depend therefrom.

Applicants submit that the present application is now in condition for allowance.
Early notification of such action is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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